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Dear Chairman Powell,

I am among those who feel that the "corporate" media are preventing the diversity of opinions on governmental affairs to be presented. Big Business tends to speak with one voice. Already 5 major corporations control the vast majority of our radio and TV stations, and their financial control slants the news to support their views. I am one of those who depend upon Public Radio and Public TV and the internet for impartial news.

Recently I was informed that the FCC is proposing to further deregulate, and possibly allow the major media outlets to control more of the outlets, further constricting the public's ability to hear more than one side of public policy. Why have you not told us of the FCC's proposals? This is your is your charge, your responsibility.

Why have the proposed regulations not been published?

Why have public hearings not been advertized and/or held?

Why has a comment period of 120 days not been announced?

I consider this to be an issue of primary importance to the health of our democracy, and also consider that this administration is becoming dangerously "right-wing", Do we want to drift toward the dictatorship we so recently fought to eliminate?

I would appreciate a response from you , and some understanding how you and the Comissioners intend to inform the public of your plans.

Sincerely yours,

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Senator Jean Ankeney

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